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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

## **TOWN OF ATKINSON**



**Receipts, Expenditures and Re-  
ports of the Town Officers, for  
the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1912**

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Amesbury Daily News Print  
1912

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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, HIGHWAY AGENTS,  
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

## Town of Atkinson, N. H.

For the Year Ending February 15

### 1912

TOGETHER WITH

THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1911 AS  
PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

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## TOWN WARRANT

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Atkinson qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Academy Hall in said town on the second Tuesday of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

1st. To elect one delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

2nd. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk.

3d. To choose by ballot and major vote three selectmen.

4th. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Treasurer.

5th. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector.

6th. To choose by ballot and major vote a Library Trustee.

7th. To choose all other necessary town officers.

8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of the poor.

9th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money above that required by law for the support of the Kimball Public Library.

10th. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for repairing highways.

11th. To see if the town will vote to raise the amount required by law to secure state aid for permanent road building.

12th. To see what action the town will take in regard to special repairs on Providence Hill and make appropriation for the same.

13th. To see what action the town will take in regard to bearing a part of the expense of repairing the road leading for the main traveled road to Conley's Grove and make appropriation for the same.

14th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new road machine and appropriate for the same.

15th. To see if the town will vote to build a tool house and appropriate for the same.

15th. To see what action the town will take in regard to accepting certain cemetery funds.

17th. To see what action the town will take in regard to naming the streets and public grounds.

18th. To see if the town will vote to place new guide boards in town and appropriate for the same.

19th. To see what action the town will take in regard to laying out a new cemetery and appropriate a certain amount of money toward the expense of the same.

20th. To see if the town will vote to purchase certain equipment to be used by the forest fire warden for extinguishing forest fires and make appropriation for the same.

21 st. To see if the town will vote to pay a part



or the whole of the town debt and appropriate the amount.

22nd. To see if the town will vote a discount on all taxes paid on or before September 1, 1912.

23rd. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for all other town charges.

24th. To transact any and all other business that may legally come before said meeting.

25th. To hear reports of all agents, auditors or committees and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-sixth day of February, 1912.

JOHN H. SMITH,  
EUGENE E. SAWYER,  
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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Valuation of resident real estate,	\$197,445 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	47,113 00
Number of horses, non-resident, 4,	490 00
Number of cows, non-resident, 2,	62 00
Number of neat stock, non-resident, 1,	20 00
Number of horses, resident, 142,	12,525 00
Number of oxen, resident, 2,	150 00
Number of cows, resident, 350,	11,432 00
Number of neat stock, resident, 56,	1,111 00
Number of hogs, resident, 12,	94 00
Number of fowls, resident, 885,	720 00
Number of polls, 118,	11,800 00
Number of mills, 2,	1,800 00
Number of automobiles, 4,	3,400 00
Number of canning factories, 1,	700 00
Carriages,	700 00
Stock in trade, resident,	339 00
Stock in trade, non-resident,	5,750 00
Money at interest,	8,100 00
Power line,	5,000 00
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	\$308,751 00

On which the Selectmen have assessed the following:

State tax,	\$ 728 00
County tax,	718 19
Town charges,	400 00
Town poor,	286 00
School tax by law,	720 00
School tax by vote,	780 00

School supplies,	50 00
School flags and appurtenances,	15 00
Tuitions in academy,	700 00
Truant officer,	3 00
Treasurer of school board,	8 00
Repairs on school houses,	35 00
Public library by law,	31 20
Public library by vote,	72 31
Highways including permanent road fund,	771 88
Highways to secure State aid,	149 50
On town note,	500 00
Overlay,	145 18
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	\$6,113 26

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

School board on account of schools,	\$1,500 00
School board on account of tuitions,	700 00
School board on account of supplies,	50 00
School board on account of repairs,	35 00
School board on account of flags, etc.,	15 00
School board for truant officer,	3 00
School board, treasurer,	8 00
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	\$2,311 00

### Public Library

#### Library Trustees.

Haverhill Sign Co.,	\$15 00
Alice F. Gilbert, supplies,	2 00
Fred P. Wright, labor,	1 31
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	\$18 31



## TOWN REPORT

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## Town Aid

Daniel Card, board at County Farm,	\$54 00
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## William C. Todd Cemetery Fund

Abraham A. Dow, care of lots,	\$3 00
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## Sarah E. Knight Cemetery Fund

Abraham A. Dow, care of lots,	\$2 00
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## Bridges and Culverts

Hanscom Hardware Co., drain pipe,	\$ 4 80
Joshua A. Richards,	11 00
Elmer E. Conley,	7 87
Albert P. Cole, including paved gutters,	30 00
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	\$53 67

## Repairs on Macadam Road

Harold N. Cross, repairs,	\$25 36
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## New Work on Macadam

John H. Smith, labor 1910, as per bill approved,	\$73 55
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## Highways

Cyrus F. Noyes, surveyor District No. 1,	\$41 25
Joshua A. Richards, surveyor District No. 2,	93 72
Harold N. Cross, surveyor District No. 3,	27 27
Walter B. Lang, surveyor District No. 4,	108 13
Charles R. Haynes, surveyor District No. 5,	41 46
Elmer E. Conley, surveyor Districts Nos. 6 and 7,	73 49
Albert P. Cole, surveyor District No. 8,	96 70
Herbert N. Sawyer, surveyor District No. 9,	68 65
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	\$550 67

**Snow Bills**

Albert Little,	\$1 60
Joshua A. Richards,	2 59
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	\$4 19

**State and County Tax**

State tax,	\$728 00
County tax,	718 19
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	\$1,446 19

**Abatement of Taxes**

Edgar R. Bailey, watering trough for 1910,	\$ 2 50
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering trough for 1911,	3 00
Samuel B. Mason, watering trough for 1911,	3 00
C. W. Bailey & Son, overtax,	8 65
Fred R. Chute, poll tax paid in Haverhill,	1 98
Perley C. Currier, poll tax,	1 98
Fred G. Cherry, poll tax,	1 98
Victor J. Cassazza, poll tax,	1 98
Ambrose D. Aldrich, soldiers' exemption,	14 85
Abraham A. Dow, soldier's exemption,	15 84
Samuel B. Mason, soldiers' exemption,	19 80
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	\$75 56

**Principal and Interest on Note, Etc.**

Verta A. Smith, part principal on note,	500 00
Verta A. Smith, interest on note to Jan. 1, 1912,	40 00
Interest paid State road fund, borrowed money,	20 00
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	\$560 00



**Aid to Tramps**

Arthur E. Hoyt, as per bill,	\$1 82
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**Brown Tail Moth Trimming**

George E. Gilbert, library land,	\$9 00
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**Board of Health**

George B. Freeman, quarantine and fumigating,	\$2 00
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**Labor in Cemetery**

Walter B. Lang,	\$ 2 81
George E. Gilbert,	5 16
Willard A. Johnson,	67
John Caldwell,	2 24
William Glancy,	2 70
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	\$13 58

**Miscellaneous**

Amesbury Publishing Co., town reports 1911,	\$ 33 00
Hanscom Hardware Co., parts for road machine,	9 70
Hanscom Hardware Co., four officers' badges,	3 00
Fred P. Wright, labor on road machine,	2 28
Jay M. Goodrich, care of hall and supplies as per bill,	3 75
Jay M. Goodrich, services as moderator 1910-11,	4 00
David F. Chute, cutting bushes at Pound, 1911,	1 40
Elmer E. Atwood, labor on J. L. Knight monument,	2 50
Edson C. Eastman, two town order books,	1 60
Dr. E. A. Laudman, reporting births and deaths,	1 50
Eastman, Scammon & Gardner, legal advice,	2 00
Eugene E. Sawyer, meeting tax commissioners,	5 00
George B. Freeman, meeting tax commissioners,	5 00
John H. Smith, meeting tax commissioners,	5 00

Eugene E. Sawyer, rent of hall to date,	30 00
Samuel B. Mason, paid out for legal advice,	2 00
George A. Page, record book, as per bill,	5 00
Alonzo D. Kimball, gravel for roads,	8 90
John H. Smith, postage, etc., as per bill,	6 25
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	\$131 88

### Town Officers

John K. Mason, dog officer, 1911,	\$ 6 00
Samuel B. Mason, tax collector,	97 88
Eugene E. Sawyer, selectman,	40 00
George B. Freeman, selectman,	40 00
John H. Smith, selectman,	70 00
George A. Page, as town clerk,	20 00
George A. Page, as town treasurer,	20 00
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### Recapitulation

Amount in collector's warrant,	\$6,113 26
Received from state railroad tax,	154 35
From Savings bank tax,	188 86
From insurance tax,	8 25
From literary fund,	65 34
From proportion of school fund,	471 04
Sale of apples,	2 75
Sale of standing grass,	35 00
W. C. Todd cemetery fund,	3 00
Sarah E. Knight cemetery fund,	2 00
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	\$7,043 85



Selectmen's balance from appropriations and receipts. . . . . \$1,205 87

Paid out as follows:

School board, .	2,311 00
Public library, .	96 63
Town aid, .	184 00
W. C. Todd cemetery lot, .	3 00
Sarah E. Knight cemetery lot, .	2 00
Bridges and culverts, .	53 67
Macadam road, due from 1910, .	73 55
Highways, district roads, .	550 67
Repairs on macadam, .	25 36
Snow, .	4 19
Abatements, including soldiers' exemption, .	75 56
Interest on note, .	40 00
Part principal on note, .	500 00
Interest paid for use of road fund, .	20 00
Trimming moth from town land, .	9 00
Labor in cemetery, .	13 58
Board of health, .	2 00
Miscellaneous, .	131 88
Town officers, .	293 88
Tramp expense, .	1 82
State tax, .	728 00
County tax, .	718 19

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\$7,043 85

JOHN H. SMITH,  
EUGENE E. SAWYER,  
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,  
Selectmen of Atkinson, N. H.

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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The Treasurer charges himself with cash on  
hand Feb. 15, 1911, \$879 46

Received from State:

Insurance tax,	8 25
Railroad tax,	154 35
Savings bank tax,	188 36
Literary fund,	65 34
Proportion of school fund,	471 04
Town clerk, dog licenses,	111 60
Collector of taxes, 1911,	6,117 22
Collector of taxes, interest,	11 27
Susan M. Clarke cemetery fund,	5 00
Pentucket Bank, interest on Wm. C. Todd cemetery fund,	3 10
Haverhill Savings Bank, S. E. Knight ceme- tery fund,	4 50
Selectmen, grass on town land,	35 00
Selectmen, apples on town land,	2 75
Geo. W. Russell, voluntary tax,	2 00

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\$8,059 14

He credits himself as follows:

Paid selectmen's orders,	\$5,837 98
Paid school treasurer, literary fund,	65 34
Proportion of school fund,	471 04
Balance of dog licenses of 1910,	104 03
	\$6,478 39
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,580 75



**Financial Statement**

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1,580 75
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**Liabilities**

Due Verta A. Smith,	\$500 00
Balance due memorial committee,	12 51
Cemetery appropriations,	41 85
Highway department,	118 49
Library trustees,	3 37
Permanent road fund, including in-	
terest,	394 95
Poor department, due town 1911,	38 38
Balance due poor department 1912,	63 62
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Balance in favor of the town,	407 58

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Treasurer.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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### Dr.

To amount in selectmen's warrant,	\$6,113 25
Assessed later,	3 96
George W. Russell, voluntary tax,	2 00
Interest on 1911 taxes,	11 27
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Receipts from Treasurer,	\$6,130 49
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S. B. MASON, Collector.

Atkinson, Feb. 15, 1912.

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Atkinson, N. H., March 5, 1912.

The auditors have examined and audited the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer and Trustees of the Public Library and find the reports to be correctly computed and properly vouched for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER,  
CHARLES I. PRESSEY,

Auditors.



## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The following is the report of the trustees of the Kimball Public Library for the year ending Feb. 15, 1912:

Number of new books added during the year by purchase, 72; number presented, 7; number of new cards, 11.

The trustees again acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt during the year of books and magazines from the Atkinson Reading Club.

They also note with satisfaction a slight increase in the patronage of the library during the past year and hope that some means may be devised by which the books may be made more accessible to those living in the remoter parts of the town.

HERBERT N. SAWYER,  
GEO. E. GILBERT,  
WM. H. THOMPSON,

Board of Trustees.

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## CATALOGUE OF BOOKS

### A.

A Little Son of Sunshine,	Ellen D. Deland
A Prairie Courtship,	Harold Bindloss
An Ardent American,	Mrs. Russell Codman
A Weaver of Dreams,	Myrtle Reed
A Hungry Heart,	David G. Phillips
Autobiography of Henry Stanley,	Henry Stanley
At Good Old Siwash,	George Fitch

	B.	
Berenice,		E. Phillips Oppenheim
Betty Wales Decides,		Margaret Ward
	C.	
Cab No. 44,		R. F. Foster
	D.	
Doctor Ellen,		Juliet W. Thompkins
Davie and Elizabeth,		Muriel C. Dyar
	E.	
England and the English,		Price Collier
	F.	
Florida Enchantments,		A. W. Dimock
From Sioux to Susan,		Agnes M. Dalton
From My Youth Up,		Margaret Sangster
	H.	
Horseshoe Robinson,		John P. Kennedy
Her Little Young Ladyship,		Myra Kelly
	J.	
John Sherwood Ironmaster,		S. Weir Mitchell
	K.	
Katherine,		E. Temple Thurston
Kitty of the Roses,		Ralph H. Barbour
	M.	
Miss Livingston's Companion,		Mary Dillon
Molly Make-Believe,		Eleanor H. Abbott
Mother Carey's Chickens,		Kate Douglas Wiggin
Mother,		Katherine Norris
Marion Harland's Autobiograph,		Marion Harland
Master of the Vineyard,		Myrtle Reed
Mary Ware in Texas,		Annie F. Johnston
	N.	
Nathan Burke,		Mary S. Watts

	O.	
Old Wives for New,		David G. Phillips
	P.	
Phebe and Ernest,		Inez H. Gilmore
Phronsie Pepper,		Margaret Sidney
Partners Three,		Victor Mapes
	Q.	
Queed,		Henry S. Harrison
	R.	
Ruel Durkee,		George W. Brown
	S.	
Solome Jane,		Brett Hart
Sonny's Father,		Ruth M. Stewart
	T.	
The New Boy at Hilltop,		Ralph H. Barbour
The Root of Evil,		Thomas Dickson
The Grain of Dust,		David G. Phillips
The Crimson Sweater,		Ralph H. Barbour
The Foreigner,		Ralph Connor
The Song of the Cardinal,		Gene Stratton-Porter
The Rose in the Ring,		George McCutcheon
The Cabin,		Stewart E. White
Tom, Dick and Harriet,		Ralph H. Barbour
The Depot Master,		Joseph C. Lincoln
The Colonel's Story,		Mrs. Rodger Pryor
The Impersonator,		Mary I. Taylor
That Freshman,		Christina Catrevas
The Window at the White Cat,		Mary Rinehart
The Kingdom of Slender Swords,		Hally Rivers
The Lead of Honor,		Noral Richerson
The Parting of the Ways,		Henry Bordeaux
The Lever,		William Orcott
The Firing Line,		Robert W. Chambers



The Beginning of New England,	John Fiske
The Critical Period of American History,	John Fiske
The Country Life Movement,	L. H. Bailly
The Choir Invisible,	James L. Allen
The Bolted Door,	George Gibbs
The Winning of Barbara Worth,	Harold B. Wright
Travelers Five,	Annie F. Johnston
The Harvester,	Gene Stratton-Porter
The Money Moon,	Jeffery Farnol
The Secret Garden,	Frances H. Bennett
The Further Adventures of Quincy Adams Sawyer	Charles F. Pidgen
The Ne'er-Do-Well,	Rex Beach
The Following of the Star,	Florence L. Barclay
The Carpet From Bagdad,	Harold MacGrath
The Broad Highway,	Jeffery Farnol
Thomas Alva Edison,	Francis A. Jones
The Man in the Shadow,	Richard Child
Their Majesties As I Knew Them,	Xavier Paoli
The Railway Library,	Sleason Thompson
The Deliverance,	Ellen Glasgow
The Far Triumph,	Elizabeth De Jeans
The Human Machine,	Arnold Bennett

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War of the Rebellion,	Col. Elbridge Copp
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## SCHOOL BOARD

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### Teachers

March 30.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	\$ 44 00
March 30.	Catharine O. Robinson,	54 00
March 30.	Margaret F. Stevens,	48 00
March 30.	Lida A. M. Brines,	60 00
March 30.	Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
April 21.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
April 21.	Catharine O. Robinson,	54 00
April 26.	Margaret F. Stevens,	72 00
April 26.	Lida A. M. Brines,	60 00
April 26.	Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
May 12.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
June 1.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	44 00
June 1.	Catharine O. Robinson,	63 00
June 1.	Lida A. M. Brines,	70 40
June 1.	Margaret F. Stevens,	84 00
June 1.	Mabel L. Smith,	81 45
Sept. 27.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Sept. 27.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	36 00
Oct. 11.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Oct. 18.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	36 00
Oct. 18.	Mabel L. Smith,	45 00
Oct. 25.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Nov. 7.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Nov. 7.	Bertha M. Chandler,	56 00
Nov. 17.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	48 00
Nov. 28.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	28 60
Nov. 28.	Bertha M. Chandler,	28 80
Nov. 28.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	19 20

Nov. 28.	Mabel L. Smith,	59 40
Dec. 11.	Mabel L. Smith,	9 00
Dec. 11.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	24 00
Dec. 11.	Bertha M. Chandler,	16 00
Dec. 11.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Jan. 11.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Jan. 11.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	24 00
Jan. 24.	Bertha M. Chandler,	40 00
Jan. 24.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	33 00
Jan. 24.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	24 00
Jan. 24.	Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Feb. 8.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	11 00
Feb. 8.	Bertha M. Chandler,	16 00
Feb. 8.	S. Ethel Yeaton,	24 00
Feb. 8.	Mabel L. Smith,	18 00

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\$1,614 85

### Miscellaneous

March 25.	Arthur Haynes, janitor work,	\$ 1 00
March 25.	Arthur Haynes, sawing and splitting wood,	2 00
March 3.	Walton Card, janitor work,	1 00
April 26.	Express paid by J. E. Wignot,	55
May 26.	Francis Eaton, organ rent, 1910,	6 00
June 13.	Ellen Noyes, janitor work,	3 25
June 20.	Tuition of Ruth Conley,	18 50
June 30.	Charles Thompson, janitor and sawing wood,	5 00
July 25.	Drinking fountains,	5 66
Aug. 2.	E. E. Conley, wood,	17 00
Aug. 4.	Stephen Wheeler, janitor work,	5 75
Aug. 21.	Tuition of Ruth Conley,	13 00
Sept. 16.	Insurance,	40 00
Oct. 11.	Telephone, glass, putty and lime by J. E.	



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Wignot,	1 65
Oct. 19. Francis Eaton, organ and rent,	15 00
Dec. 11. Mabel L. Smith, janitor,	3 25
Dec. 18. Wm. R. Brickett, sawing, splitting and piling wood,	4 00
Jan. 1. John H. Smith, wood and work on same,	6 38
Jan. 15. The Wood Press, printing,	3 25
Jan. 24. Charles Thompson,	4 50
Jan. 24. J. Marin & Co., coal,	23 25
Feb. 8. Mabel L. Smith, janitor,	1 50
Feb. 15. Alvin M. Whittaker,	4 66
Feb. 15. H. N. Sawyer, wood and kindling,	6 00
Feb. 15. Geo. A. Page, treasurer,	8 00
Feb. 15. Albert Little, 7 6-8 cords of wood,	34 86
Feb. 15. A. C. Akeley, carrying scholars,	36 25
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	\$271 26

**Superintendent**

J. E. Wignot,	\$351 00
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**Music Teacher**

Wm. E. Hartwell,	\$93 00
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**Supplies**

Mar. 23. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	\$ 2 08
Oct. 19. Edward E. Babb & Co.,	18 52
Oct. 19. Milton, Bradley Co.,	5 18
Oct. 19. Ginn & Co.,	15 44
Oct. 19. D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 25
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	\$47 47

**Repairs**

April 8.	O. L. Whittaker,	\$35 60
July 15.	E. E. Peaslee, lumber,	7 90
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		\$43 50

**Flag**

Feb. 15.	Wm. H. Hartman Co.,	\$2 10
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**Tuitions in Academy**

May 5,	\$250 00
Oct. 23,	185 00
Feb. 3,	155 00
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\$590 00	

**Atkinson Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 15, 1912****Revenue.**

Amount of money required by law,	\$720 00
Additional voted by district meeting,	780 00
Assessed by selectmen by estimate of school board,	
School books and supplies,	50 00
Flags and appurtenances,	15 00
Tuitions in Atkinson Academy,	700 00
Voted to raise for repairs,	35 00
Truant officer,	3 00
Treasurer,	8 00
Balance of dog tax, 1910,	104 03
Tuitions from Brickett,	7 00
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1911,	61 09
Received from the State:	
Literary fund,	65 34
Proportion of school fund,	471 04
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\$3,019 50	

## Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1912.

Teachers,	\$1,614 85
Miscellaneous,	271 26
Supplies and books,	47 47
Superintendent,	351 00
Music teacher,	93 00
Repairs,	43 50
Flag,	2 10
Tuition in Academy,	590 00
Balance unexpended,	6 32
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	\$3,019 50

HERBERT N. SAWYER,  
CHAS. I. PRESSEY,

School Board.

**School District Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand Feb. 16, 1911,	\$ 61 09
Received Brickett tuition,	7 00
Received from town treasurer amount of school	
money tax by law,	720 00
Tax by vote,	780 00
Supplies,	50 00
Flags, etc.,	15 00
Tuition in academy,	700 00
Repairs,	35 00
Truant officer,	3 00
Treasurer's salary,	8 00
From State literary fund,	65 34
From proportion of school fund,	471 04
From balance dog licenses 1910,	104 03
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	\$3,019 50



He credits himself as follows:

Paid school orders,	3,013 18
Balance in hands of treasurer,	6 32

GEORGE A. PAGE, School Treasurer.

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Atkinson, N. H., March 5, 1912.

The Auditor has examined and audited the report of the Treasurer of the School Board and finds this report to be correctly compiled and all payments properly vouched for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER, Auditor.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the Committee of Atkinson:

I have the honor to submit my fifth annual report.

The first place in any school report should always be given to that for which, before everything else, the schools stand, namely: the schoolroom work of teaching the common school subjects, the English language comprising reading, writing, spelling, language, and grammar, arithmetic, geography, history, physiology, civics and music. I am pleased to report that never before has this work been so well done in our schools. We began the year in September with two new teachers and two who have been with us some years. I have noticed on the part of all of them clearer ideas than I have seen in previous years as to what good instruction means. The waste of time due to memorizing and the correlated waste of time formerly spent in attempting to teach a mass of information which is useless to children because it is either too technical or impractical has been largely stopped. In such subjects as physiology, history, geography, arithmetic, grammar, and civics, teachers follow one of two courses. They may attempt to teach text books entire, forcing upon their hapless little victims everything that comes along, be it technical, impractical, or absurd. Or they may strive to develop intelligence among their pupils by systematic study of the common-sense essentials of the school subjects, wisely selecting under the guidance of the program of studies and the superintendent, only such topics as are suited to the needs and the capacity of young children to comprehend. Much has

been done along this line to better the teaching and more may be done as time goes on if it is possible for us to keep our teachers year after year.

I have noticed an improvement all around in discipline. The order in the rooms has been excellent almost without exception. The problem of school order is mostly a matter of keeping children interestedly occupied with their work, and the doing of that depends directly upon the ability and personality of the teacher. Properly organized and conducted plays and games have a most important bearing upon the question also, and the teacher who is at work on the play ground is pretty likely to produce results in the form of good behavior, good health, and good morals.

Since the question of attendance of children in school has been one of dollars and cents, it has been given more careful attention by the smaller towns of the state. The record of our town for the past year leaves hardly anything to be desired in this line. The percent. of attendance in each school for the year was as follows: East Road School, 94; Depot School, 91; Centre School, 92; Sawyer's District, 95; North End District, 95. The average percent for all schools together was 94. I doubt if that mark for small mixed schools, where children walk on an average as far as they do here, was equalled in any other town in the state. The average for five similar schools in Salem was 88. The average for two similar schools in Hudson was 84.

I have introduced for use in the schools the Thorndyke scale for rating handwriting. It has served us admirably in that subject where results may now be tested and stated with almost mathematical exactness. The scale is on the wall of every school room and is especially useful in determining the marks for the monthly report cards. I have rated the handwriting of all children above



the fourth grade and can say that the results were sufficiently good to amply justify the statement that the average pupil in the seventh and eighth grades can write well enough to meet fully all the needs of the common affairs of life.

I have required every teacher throughout the year to send in to me a weekly report of affairs in the schools regarding attendance, absence, tardiness, temperature, books and supplies needed, sessions taught, etc. The reports are simple, are on post cards, and are in no sense a red-tape burden upon the teacher. They have been of great service in keeping me in close touch with the affairs of the schools. They are also valuable records. In addition to this, I have required each teacher to keep, on suitable blanks furnished her, an accurate account of all supplies furnished. These records are readily accessible being pasted into the registers. Their use in preventing waste is apparent.

For the benefit of those who may not be conversant with the school laws recently enacted relating to State Aid in Towns, I give herewith the gist of such laws with their bearing upon our schools. These laws were designed to equalize school privileges, that is, make it possible for children living in sparsely settled or poor towns to enjoy equal school advantages with children living in the more populous or richer towns. Now a town is poor if it has little taxable property and a large number of children; but, if such a town bestirs itself and shows a disposition to do its best in the cause of good schools, the state aid laws operate to supply money enough to place such a town on an equal footing with the cities and larger towns. The law provides that to towns of not over 3,500 inhabitants a sum of money per school week is paid for every 25 pupils of average attendance, this sum varying according to the equalized valuation.

This means that poor towns are aided but in proportion to the efforts they themselves make to have pupils regular in attendance and in proportion to the length of the school year. It is further provided that such towns can draw \$2 per week for every normal graduate employed or teacher holding a state teachers' certificate. The amount allowed the town of Atkinson last December for attendance of pupils was \$92.04, and for approved teachers was \$63. Both of these figures may be increased next year. The amount for approved teachers will be doubled and may be further increased in future years. The principle of this most excellent legislation is exactly stated in the words of the Scripture: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The work in music has been carried on most successfully under Mr. Hartwell's direction and instruction. The results have been very creditable indeed. Mr. Hartwell's report follows. I have prepared and added to this report such tables of statistics as are well worth the careful perusal of all who are interested in schools.

I wish to assure you and all other citizens who have put forth efforts in the cause of good schools, of my most sincere appreciation of their help in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WIGNOT, Superintendent.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR LAST FIVE YEARS

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School Year (Sept. to June)	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
Total enrollment.....	74	78	78	79	80
Boys .....	28	36	30	38	41
Girls .....	46	42	48	41	39
Average attendance in all schools together .....	57	59	60	57	49
Average absence in all schools together .....	4	5	4	7	9
Average membership in all schools together .....	61	64	64	64	58
Percent of attendance in all schools together .....	94	92	94	89	84
Number of pupils not absent or tardy .....	5	8	8	6	1
Number of pupils attending the Academy .....	27	17	17	16	15
Average length of the year in weeks .....	30.68	32½	33	32	33
Number of different regular teachers employed .....	5	5	8	5	5
Average salary of teachers per month .....	\$40.80	37.60	34.95	35.28	34.00
Number of certificated and normal school graduates.....	1	2	1	0	0

## PROMOTION, RETARDATION, AND LOSS

Grade .....	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Number of pupils promoted to next grade during or at the end of the school year .....	6	7	6	10	10	5	4	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year not promoted .....	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	2
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there two years .....	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there three years .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there more than three years .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils who have left school and whose school life has presumably ended during year .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average age of class at the beginning of school year .....	5-4	7-3	8-7	8-11	9-8	11-3	12-5	13-7



## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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To Supt. Wignot and the School Board of Atkinson:

It is with pleasure that your supervisor complies with the request to give a brief report of the progress made during the past year by the Atkinson schools in the study of music. This report is made since my latest visit to the several schools, and gives a fair statement of the conditions found in them. Predictions which were made a year ago have been more than realized, and the pupils are doing work superior, even, to that expected of children who have not as yet had two years of musical training. The enthusiasm of the pupils has steadily increased as added experience and successful work have been achieved.

Your supervisor, on a recent visit, found the pupils of the schools—those above the lower grades—reading music quite readily in the whole cycle of keys, and learning many of the attractive songs contained in their books. Much individual work has been exacted of them, not only in the reading of notes, but in rhythmic study by the aid of the French time-language. In one school, where there are a number of the higher grade pupils, some two-part singing has been given quite successfully, and the day will not be far distant when more of part study will be accomplished in all of the schools.

The teachers, also, have shown much interest this season in the presentation of this special subject, as they have more fully grasped the methods desired by the supervisor, who, in this report, wishes to express his thanks to them for their assistance.

Supt. Wignot and the school board have been, as ever, ready to render all necessary aid in supplying materials, etc.

It is evidenced, surely, that the establishing of this particular branch of study in the schools of Atkinson is decidedly successful.

Again, I ask the privilege of submitting a few words in regard to that which has been attempted in music at the Academy. It was noticeable last year that the students, in their appearances before the public, showed marked improvement over preceding years, and I am satisfied that, from the present interest and disposition of the pupils to work, still greater progress will be shown before the closing of the school for the summer vacation.

Respectfully,

W. E. HARTWELL, Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 12, 1912.

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#### Roll of Honor For School Year, Sept., 1910, to June, 1911

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy:

For the Year—Harold Edmond Brickett, Richard Heald, Roland I. Noyes, Gladys Lucy, Eleanor I. Pressey.

For Two Terms—Arthur Forest Haynes, Elgin Reynolds, Blanche Cole, Doris Freeman, Daisy Lucy, Dorothy Thompson, Bernice Poor, Edna May Young, Charlie Cole, Wesley Young, Edwin Poor, Beatrice Alby, Grace Cole, Marlon J. Noyes.

For One Term—Annie May Bailey, Clifton T. Bonney, Blanche Elsie Brickett, Nellie M. West, Rosalie Brown, Milton A. Pressey, Laura Lavina Haynes, Bessie

M. Salmon, Ruth Cole, Charles H. Ross, Kathleen Wood,  
Loren Bridges, Beatrice Bridges, Louise N. Barnum.

### Summary of the Roll of Honor by Schools

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	Year	Terms	Term
Number One.....	1	2	2
Number Two.....	1	0	3
Number Three.....	1	3	1
Number Four.....	1	8	4
Number Five.....	1	1	4

# Statistical Table from Feb. 15, 1911 to Feb. 15, 1912

Schools	No. I			No. II			No. III			No. IV			No. V		
Teachers	Margaret F. Stevens School Closed School Closed			Catharine O. Robinson Bertha Chandler Bertha Chandler			Lida A. M. Brines S. Ethel Yeaton S. Ethel Yeaton			Mrs. L. E. Marble Mrs. L. E. Marble Mrs. L. E. Marble			Mabel L. Smith Mabel L. Smith Mabel L. Smith		
Terms	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter
Weeks	13	—	—	13	13 3-5	6	13	13 3-5	5 3-5	12	13	6	13	12 3-5	6
Pupils	11	—	—	16	15	14	10	21	17	18	18	17	12	15	17
Boys	5	—	—	8	7	6	3	9	6	4	5	5	5	7	8
Girls	6	—	—	8	8	8	7	12	11	14	13	12	7	8	9
Average Attendance	9	—	—	13	13	11	8	18	14	16	17	16	9	13	12
Average Absence	1	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Average Membership	10	—	—	14	14	13	9	19	16	17	18	17	10	14	14
Percent of Attendance	94	—	—	87	95	85	95	93	84	98	99	97	94	94	86
Tardinesses	6	—	—	10	2	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	7	14	13
Visits by Supt.	10	—	—	9	12	5	10	13	5	4	10	4	9	12	5
Visits by Com.	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Visits by Others	6	—	—	19	15	5	22	10	1	6	5	4	23	9	6
Pupils Not Absent or Tardy	2	—	—	2	5	3	1	11	8	4	12	12	3	2	1
Wages of Teacher per Month	\$48			\$36	\$32	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$48	\$44	\$44	\$44	\$36	\$36	\$36



# Births Registered in the Town of Atkinson, N. H. for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1911

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Res. of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female	Liv. or Stillborn	No. of Child, 1st, 2nd, &c.	Color				
Jan. 29	Peroy Barnum	M		L	4	W	Ernest Barnum	Ethel Greene	Mary L. Emerson	
Feb. 7	Mabel Noyes	F		"	7	"	Harry I. Noyes	Cora E. Day	Annie Jordan	
"	Harly Edward Cole	M		"	6	"	Lyman W. Cole	Francis W. Jackson	Lottie K. Dilton	
Mar. 4	Fugere H. Bridges	M		"	2	"	Walter Bridges	Clara E. Pettigrew	Susan Collins	
"	Earl Gideon Conley	M		"	2	"	Elmer E. Conley	Charles R. Haynes	James H. Harris	
July 15	Dorothea G. Johnson	F		"	2	"	Willard A. Johnson	Lottie K. Dilton		
Aug. 8	Haynes	F		"	5	"	Charles R. Haynes			
Oct. 9	Leroy E. Harris	M		"			James H. Harris			
1909										
Aug. 26	Nathalie E. Johnson	F		"			Willard A. Johnson	Lottie K. Dilton		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Atkinson, N. H. for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1911

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Res. of each at time of Mar.	Age of each in yrs.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition: whether single or wid. what mar'ge, 1st, 2nd, &c.	Name, Res. and Official Station of person by whom married
June 14 Hampstead		Fred R. Chute Louisa D. Locke	Atkinson Haverhill Mass	24 20	Clerk Packer	Goffstown Worcester	David F. Chute Annie Forice Herbert L. Locke Eliza Vickers	Nova Scotia Nova Scotia Epping, N. H. England	1st 1st	Lynn L. Farnsworth Clergyman, Hampstead, N. H.
July 26 Atkinson		Clifton L. Bartlett Lida A. M. Brines	Atkinson Millville, Mass.	21 21	Clerk in R. Office R. Office Teacher	Haverhill Whitenville	David E. Bartlett Cora Odiorne Benjamin Brines Mildred M. Sherrood	Plymouth, N. H. Rye, N. H.	1st 1st	R. Goodwin, Clergyman, Atkinson, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Atkinson for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1911

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth		Sex	Condition	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death	
		Years	Months	Days						Father	Mother				
Feb. 6	Charles C. Greenough	80			Atkinson	M	S	Farmer			Atkinson	Hampstead	John Greenough	Mary L. Emerson	Burns Accidental
" 8	Mabel Noyes		1		Atkinson	F	S				Atkinson	Portsmouth	Harry I. Noyes	Elizabeth Peabody	Convulsions
May 23	Lavinia J. Noyes	73	10	2		F	S	Housework			Atkinson	Portsmouth	Henry Noyes	Caroline Johnson	Val. Disease of heart
July 27	Francis B. Maddox	80	5	18		M	M	Retired			Wells Me		Oliver Maddox		Arterio-sclerosis
Sept. 9	Anna Belle Wright	19				F	S				Atkinson	Prince Ed I	George E. Wright	Mary Costello	Peritonitis
Oct. 2	Harley Edward Cole	7	24			M	S				Lawrence	Kennebunk	Lyman W. Cole	Cora E. Day	Cong. of the Lungs
Dec. 18	Nancy Jane Little	79	4	17		F	W	Housewife			Dracut		William Clough	Lydia Richardson	Terminal Toxemia
" 25	Elizabeth B. Sawyer	83	8	25		F	M	Housewife			Atkinson	Portland	Asa Noyes	Sofia Bradley	Senile Debility

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.















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